



INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY POLICY AND PROTOCOL MANUAL

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ICEMA ABBREVIATION LIST

I. PURPOSE

To provide uniform documentation and universal understanding of approved abbreviations.

II. REQUIREMENTS

All EMS providers will only use ICEMA approved abbreviations provided on this list to prevent confusion on documentation.

| DEFINITION | ABBREVIATION |
|---|--------------|
| Abdomen, abdominal | Abd |
| Abdominal aortic aneurysm | AAA |
| Abduction | Abd; abd |
| Above knee | AK |
| Above knee amputation | AKA |
| Acquired immune deficiency syndrome | AIDS |
| Active range of motion | AROM |
| Activities of daily living | ADL |
| Acute myocardial infarction | AMI |
| Acute renal failure | ARF |
| Admission, admitted | Adm |
| Adult respiratory distress syndrome | ARDS |
| Advanced Cardiac Life Support | ACLS |
| Advanced life support | ALS |
| After surgery | Post op |
| Against medical advice | AMA |
| Airway, breathing, circulation | ABC |
| Alcohol Intoxication | ETOH |
| Alert & oriented to (person, place, time & event) | A & O x 4 |
| Alert, verbal, pain, unresponsive | AVPU |
| Altered level of consciousness | ALOC |
| Ambulance patient offload delay | APOD |
| Ambulance patient offload time | APOT |
| Ambulate, ambulating, ambulated, etc. | Amb |
| Amount | Amt |
| Ampule | Amp |
| And | & |
| Antecubital | AC |
| Anterior | Ant |
| Apparent Life Threatening Event | ALTE |
| Appearance, pulse, grimace, activity, respiration | APGAR |
| Appointment | Appt |
| Approximate | approx |
| Arterial blood gas | ABG |
| As soon as possible | ASAP; asap |
| Aspirin | ASA |
| At | @ |
| Atherosclerotic heart disease | ASHD |
| Atrial fibrillation | A-fib; afib |
| Atrial flutter | A-flutter |

| DEFINITION | ABBREVIATION |
|--|-----------------|
| Atrial tachycardia | A-Tach |
| Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder | ADHD |
| Auscultation | Ausc |
| Automated External Defibrillator | AED |
| Automatic Implanted Cardiac Defibrillator | AICD |
| Bag of waters | BOW |
| Bag valve mask | BVM |
| Base Station Order | BSO |
| Base Station | Base |
| Basic Life Support | BLS |
| Beats per minute | Bpm |
| Below knee amputation | BKA |
| Bicarbonate, NaCO ₃ | bicarb |
| Bilateral | Bilat |
| Blood alcohol content | BAC |
| Blood pressure | BP |
| Body Surface Area | BSA |
| Bowel movement | BM |
| Breath/bowel sounds | BS; b.s. |
| Bundle branch block | BBB |
| By mouth | PO; p.o. |
| Calcium | Ca |
| Calcium Chloride | CACL |
| Cancer, carcinoma | CA |
| Carbon dioxide | CO ₂ |
| Cardiopulmonary resuscitation | CPR |
| Centimeter | Cm |
| Central Nervous System | CNS |
| Cerebral spinal fluid | CSF |
| Cerebrovascular accident | CVA |
| Cervical collar | C-collar |
| Cervical immobilization device | CID |
| Cervical spine | C-spine |
| Chest pain | CP |
| Chief complaint | CC; C/C |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease | COPD |
| Circulation, motor and sensation | CMS |
| Clear bi-lateral | CBL |
| Complains of | C/O; c/o |
| Complete blood count | CBC |
| Computerized axial tomography | CAT |
| Congestive heart failure | CHF |
| Conscious, alert & oriented to person, place, time & event | CAOx4 |
| Continue, continuous | cont. |
| Continuous positive airway pressure | CPAP |
| Coronary artery bypass graft | CABG |
| Coronary artery disease | CAD |
| Date of birth | DOB |
| Days old | d/o |
| Dead on arrival | DOA |
| Deep vein thrombosis | DVT |
| Defibrillation | Defib |

| DEFINITION | ABBREVIATION |
|--|--------------|
| Delirium tremor | DT |
| Department | dept. |
| Dextrose 25% (diluted D50) | D25 |
| Dextrose in water | D5W 5% |
| Dextrose solution | D50 50% |
| Diabetes mellitus | DM |
| Diagnosis | Dx |
| Did not obtain/Did not order | DNO |
| Difficulty breathing | Diff Breath |
| Dilation and curettage | D&C |
| Discontinue or discharged | DC; D/C; dc |
| Do not resuscitate | DNR |
| Drops | gtts |
| Dyspnea on exertion | DOE |
| Electrocardiogram | ECG; EKG |
| Electroencephalogram | EEG |
| Emergency department | ED; E.D. |
| Emergency Medical Services | EMS |
| Emergency medical technician | EMT |
| Emergency medical technician-paramedic | EMT-P |
| Emergency room | E.R. |
| Endotracheal tube | ET |
| Epinephrine | EPI |
| Equal | = |
| Esophageal Tracheal Airway Device | ETAD |
| Estimated blood loss | EBL |
| Estimated Time of Arrival | ETA; eta |
| Et cetra | Etc |
| Ethanol (alcohol) | ETOH |
| Evaluation | eval. |
| Evening | Pm |
| Every | Q |
| Extension | ext. |
| Eyes, ears, nose, throat | EENT |
| Female | F |
| Fire department | FD |
| Flexion | Flex |
| Foot, feet (not anatomy) | ft. |
| Foreign body | Fb |
| Fracture | Fx; fx |
| Full range of motion | From |
| Gallbladder | GB |
| Gastrointestinal | GI |
| Gavida 1, 2, 3 etc. | G |
| Glasgow Coma Scale | GCS |
| Grain | Gr |
| Gram | Gm |
| Gunshot wound | GSW |
| Gynecology | GYN |
| Head, eyes, ears, nose, throat | HEENT |
| Headache | HA; H/A |
| Heart rate | HR |

| DEFINITION | ABBREVIATION |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Height | ht. |
| Hematocrit | Hct |
| Hemoglobin | Hb; hgb |
| History | Hx |
| History & physical | H&P |
| History of | h/o |
| Hour | h; hr |
| Human immunodeficiency virus | HIV |
| Hydrochlorothiazide | HCTZ |
| Hypertension | Htn; HTN |
| Immediately | Stat |
| Inch | in. |
| Incident Commander | IC |
| Infant respiratory distress syndrome | IRDS |
| Inferior | Inf |
| Intake (input) & output | I&O |
| Intensive care unit | ICU |
| Intracranial pressure | ICP |
| Intramuscular | IM |
| Inranasal | IN |
| Intraosseous | IO |
| Intrauterine Device | IUD |
| Intravenous | IV |
| Intravenous piggy back | IVPB |
| Intravenous push | IVP |
| Intravenously | IV |
| Irregular | irreg |
| Joules | J |
| Jugular venous distension | JVD |
| Kilograms | Kg |
| Kilometer | Km |
| Labor and delivery | L&D |
| Laboratory | Lab |
| Laceration | LAC |
| Landing Zone | LZ |
| Last menstrual period | LMP |
| Lateral | Lat |
| Left | L; Lt |
| Left bundle branch block | LBBB |
| Left lower extremity | LLE |
| Left lower lobe | LLL |
| Left lower quadrant | LLQ |
| Left lower quadrant of abd | LLQ |
| Left upper extremity | LUE |
| Left upper lobe of lung | LUL |
| Left upper quadrant of abd | LUQ |
| Level or loss of consciousness | LOC; loc; KO |
| Licensed practical nurse | LPN |
| Lidocaine | Lido |
| Liter | L |
| Liter per minute | Lpm; l/m |
| Long back board | LBB |

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|--|--------------|
| Loss/level of consciousness (as noted by context) | LOC |
| Lumbar puncture | LP |
| Lung sounds | L/S |
| Magnesium Sulfate | Mag |
| Maximum | Max |
| Mechanism of injury | MOI |
| Medical Doctor | MD; M.D. |
| Medications | Meds |
| Mercury | Hg |
| Microgram(s) | Mcg |
| Miles per hour | Mph |
| Military anti-shock trousers | MAST |
| Millidrops, microdrops | Mgtt |
| Milliequivalents | mEq |
| Milligram(s) | mg |
| Milliliter | ml |
| Millimeter | mm |
| Millivolt | mV |
| Minimal | Min |
| Minute(s) | min. |
| Mobile intensive care nurse | MICN |
| Mobile intensive care unit | MICU |
| Moderate | Mod |
| Month, months old | mo; m/o |
| Morning | a.m. |
| Motor Vehicle Accident (Multi-Victim Accident) | MVA |
| Multiple Casualty Incident | MCI |
| Multiple sclerosis, morphine sulfate | MS |
| Myocardial infarction | MI |
| Narcotic | NARC |
| Nasal cannula | Nc |
| Nasogastric | NG; ng |
| Nasogastric (tube) | NG |
| Nausea/vomiting | n/v |
| Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea | n/v/d |
| Negative | neg. |
| Nitroglycerin | Nitro; NTG |
| No Acute Distress | NAD |
| No known allergies | NKA |
| No known drug allergies | NKDA |
| Non rebreather mask | NRB |
| Non Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs | NSAIDS |
| Normal saline | NS |
| Normal sinus rhythm | NSR |
| Not applicable | N/A |
| Nothing by mouth | NPO |
| Obstetrics | OB |
| Occupational therapist/therapy | OT |
| Onset, provocation, quality, radiation, severity, time | OPQRST |
| Operating room | OR |
| Orally dissolving tablet; Under the tongue | ODT |
| Orogastric (tube) | OG |

| DEFINITION | ABBREVIATION |
|--|---------------------|
| Ounce | oz. |
| Out of hospital cardiac arrest | OHCA |
| Overdose | OD |
| Oxygen | O2 |
| Oxygen Saturation | O2 sat |
| Palpable | Palp |
| Para, number of pregnancies | P |
| Paramedic | Medic |
| Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnea | PAT |
| Paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia | PSVT |
| Passenger space intrusion | PSI |
| Past history | P.H.; PHx |
| Past medical history | PMH |
| Patient | Pt; pt |
| Pediatric | Ped |
| Pediatric Advanced Life Support | PALS |
| Pelvic inflammatory disease | PID |
| Percutaneously Inserted Central Catheter | PICC |
| Phencyclidine | PCP |
| Physical exam, pulmonary embolism, pedal Edema (as noted by context) | PE |
| Physician's Assistant | P.A.; PA |
| Police department | PD |
| Positive | pos. |
| Possible | Poss |
| Post, after | P |
| Posterior | Post |
| Potassium | K |
| Potassium Chloride | KCL |
| Pound | lb; # |
| Pregnancy Induced Hypertension | PIH |
| Premature atrial contraction | PAC |
| Premature junctional contraction | PJC |
| Premature ventricular contraction | PVC |
| Prescription; intervention plan; therapy | Rx |
| Prior to (our) arrival | PTOA; PTA |
| Privately owned vehicle | POV |
| Psychiatric | Psych |
| Pulse, motor, sensation | PMS |
| Pulse, motor, sensory, cap refill | PMSC |
| Pulseless electrical activity | PEA |
| Pupils equal reactive to light | PERL; PEARL; PERRLA |
| Quart | qt. |
| Range of motion | ROM |
| Red blood cell (count) | RBC |
| Regarding | re: |
| Registered nurse | RN |
| Rehabilitation | Rehab |
| Respiration, respiratory | Resp |
| Respiratory rate | RR |
| Respiratory Therapist | RT |
| Response | RESPS |

| DEFINITION | ABBREVIATION |
|---|--------------|
| Return of spontaneous circulation | ROSC |
| Rheumatoid arthritis | RA |
| Right | R |
| Right bundle branch block | RBBB |
| Right lower extremity | RLE |
| Right lower quadrant of abd | RLQ |
| Right upper lobe of lung | RUL |
| Right upper quadrant of abd | RUQ |
| Right ventricular infarct | RVI |
| Ringer's Lactate | RL |
| Rule out | R/O; r/o |
| Saline Lock | SL |
| Second(s) | sec. |
| Sexually transmitted disease | STD |
| Short(ness) of breath | SOB |
| Signs and symptoms | S/S; s/s |
| Signs, symptoms, allergies medications, past history, last intake, events | SAMPLE |
| Sinus Bradycardia | SB; S-Brady |
| Sinus Tachycardia | ST; S-Tach |
| Sodium | Na |
| Sodium bicarbonate | NaCO3 |
| Sodium chloride | NaCl |
| Streptococcus | Strep |
| Strong and regular | S&R |
| Subcutaneous | sc; subQ |
| Sublingual | SL |
| Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome | SARS |
| Sudden infant death syndrome | SIDS |
| Supraventricular tachycardia | SVT |
| Systolic blood pressure | SBP |
| Tablespoon | Tbsp |
| Tablet | Tab |
| Teaspoon | Tsp |
| Temperature | Temp |
| Temperature, pulse, respirations | TPR |
| Three times a day | Tid |
| Tidal Volume | TV |
| Times | X |
| To keep open | TKO |
| Total body surface area | TBSA |
| Tracheostomy | Trach |
| Traffic collision | TC |
| Tranexamic Acid | TXA |
| Transient ischemic attack | TIA |
| Transport | Trans |
| Traumatic brain injury | TBI |
| Treatment | Tx |
| Tuberculosis | TB |
| Twice a day | BID; b.i.d. |
| Tylenol | APAP |
| Ultraviolet | UV |

| DEFINITION | ABBREVIATION |
|--|------------------|
| Unable to locate | UTL |
| Under the tongue; orally dissolving tablet | ODT |
| Unknown | Unk |
| Upper respiratory infection | URI |
| Urinary tract infection | UTI |
| Venereal disease | VD |
| Ventricular fibrillation | V-Fib; VF |
| Ventricular tachycardia | V-Tach; VT |
| Versus | Vs |
| Vital signs | v.s. |
| Volume | Vol |
| Warm, dry and pink | w/d/p |
| Water | H ₂ O |
| Watts per second | W/S |
| Weight | Wt |
| Wheelchair | w/c |
| Whenever necessary, as needed | Prn |
| White (Caucasian) | Wht |
| White blood cell (count) | WBC |
| With | - c |
| Within normal limits | WNL; wnl |
| Without | - s |
| Wolf-Parkinson-White | WPW |
| Year | Yr |
| Years old | Y/O; y.o. |